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October 5,2009

Dr. Steven Chu
Secretary
U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Ave., S.W
Washington, D.C. 20585

Dear Secretary Chu:

I am writing to express my support for the grant application submitted by the Energy Center of Wisconsin and its partners for the Recovery Act—Training Program Development for Commercial Building Equipment Technicians, Building Operators, and Energy Commissioning Agents/Auditors (DE-FOA-0000118). Please note that the Milwaukee'Area Technical College serves as the lead applicant.

I have reviewed the partners' grant narrative, and I believe that they would make effective use of the funds they would receive from the DOE. I was pleased to learn that the applicant and its partners will develop curriculum and training for professionals responsible for ensuring the efficient operation of commercial buildings (including building equipment technicians, operators, and energy commissioning agents/auditors). The partners believe that their education materials may develop a workforce that is capable of bringing existing commercial buildings to their energy performance potential and to help ensure that new commercial buildings do not fall below their expected optimal level of performance.

I support the Energy Center of Wisconsin and its partners' grant application for the Recovery Act—Training Program Development for Commercial Building Equipment Technicians, Building Operators, and Energy Commissioning Agents/Auditors. I would appreciate it if you and the appropriate DOE officials would ensure that it is given your prompt and full consideration, consistent with all laws and regulations. Thank you for your consideration of my request.

Sincerely,

Paul Ryan
Member of Congress

cc: Mary Beth Pearse

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October 5, 2009

Dr. Steven Chu
Secretary
U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Ave., S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20585

Dear Secretary Chu:

I am writing to express my support for the Energy Center of Wisconsin's grant application for the Recovery Act—Geothermal Technologies Program: Ground Source Heat Pumps (DE-FOA-0000116), which was submitted to the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE).

I have reviewed the grant narrative that the Energy Center of Wisconsin has submitted, and I believe that t h y would make effective use of the funds they would receive from the DOE. I was pleased to learn that the applicant will conduct research on hybrid ground-source heat pump systems. The applicant believes these systems may result in widespread adoption of ground-source heat pump technology (which is a technology ideal for Wisconsin's climate). In addition, I was pleased that the applicant will partner with the University of Wisconsin—Madison College of Engineering's Solar Energy Lab in order to analyze data from existing hybrid ground source heat pump systems, refine the computer modeling tool used to analyze systems, and demonstrate potential cost savings, energy savings, and overall performance of these systems.

The Energy Center of Wisconsin believes their proposed research has the potential to reduce the cost of hybrid ground-source heat pump systems. Therefore, I am hopeful that their research has the potential of reducing the cost of hybrid ground-source heat pump systems and promoting increased use of the technology amongst homeowners.

I support the Energy Center of Wisconsin's grant application for the Recovery Act—Geothermal Technologies Program: Ground Source Heat Pumps, and I would appreciate it if you and the appropriate DOE officials would ensure that it is given your prompt and full consideration, consistent with all laws and regulations. Thank you for your consideration of my request.

Sincerely,

Paul Ryan
Member of Congress

cc: Pete Simon, DOE

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October 7,2009

Dr. Steven Chu
Secretary
U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Ave., S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20585

Dear Secretary Chu:

I am writing to express my support for the Energy Center of Wisconsin and its partners' grant application for the Recovery Act—Building America Energy Efficient Housing Partnerships (DE-FOA-0000099), which was submitted by the Energy Center of Wisconsin and its partners to the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE). Please note that the Vermont Energy Investment Corporation serves ,asthe lead applicant.

I have reviewed the partners' grant narrative, and I believe that they would make effective use of the funds they would receive from the DOE. I was pleased to learn that the applicant and its partners will develop, refine and test methods for increasing the energy efficiency of existing homes. The partners intend to achieve their goal by identifying, evaluating, and testing technologies for reducing energy consumption, as well as process improvements to increase the adoption rate and efficiency of homes. The Energy Center of Wisconsin reported that their proposed project also intends to provide technical assistance and evaluation of programs that offer efficiency retrofits to several hundred homes in selected communities. In addition, I was pleased to learn that two groups of prototype homes will be retrofitted (one group targeted in energy savings of 30 percent, and the other group targeted of 50 percent or greater in energy savings).

I support the Energy Center of Wisconsin and its partners' grant application for the Recovery Act— Building America Energy Efficient Housing Partnerships. I would appreciate it if you and the appropriate DOE officials would ensure that it is given your prompt and full consideration, consistent with all laws and regulations. Thank you for your consideration of my request.

Sincerely,

Paul Ryan
Member of Congress

cc: **Angela Bosley, DOE**

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December 18,2009

Dr. Steven Chu
Secretary
U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Ave., S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20585

Dear Secretary Chu:

I am writing to express my support for the Wisconsin Energy Conservation Corporation's grant application for the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program (DE-FOA-0000148), which was submitted to the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE).

I have reviewed the application that the Wisconsin Energy Conservation Corporation has submitted, and I believe that they would make effective use of the funds they would receive from the DOE. I was pleased to learn that their Topic Area 1 project (the Wisconsin Energy Efficiency Project) is aimed at transforming energy efficiency retrofit markets, building sustainable demand for green jobs, and providing a model in other communities.

In addition, I was pleased that the primary objectives of their project will allow residents and businesses in the partner cities to reduce their energy costs, reduce greenhouse gas emissions, and stimulate the local and area economy by creating new jobs. For example, the applicant believes that the business portion of their project will improve the energy efficiency of 96,000,000 square feet of buildings, result in $41 million in reduced utility bills, reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 2,628,655 million metric tons of CO_2, and create or retain approximately 7,600 new jobs over the 3 year grant period and the subsequent 3 years. In addition, the residential portion of their project is designed to serve at least 14,200 homes, save approximately $12 million in utility bills and 10,035 million metric tons of CO_2.

I support the Wisconsin Energy Conservation Corporation's grant application for the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program, and I would appreciate it if you and the appropriate DOE officials would ensure that it is given your prompt and full consideration, consistent with all laws and regulations. Thank you for your consideration of my request.

Sincerely,

Paul Ryan
Member of Congress

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